

Services Monday For Prominent Vernal Doctor ⁴¹⁻57

VERNAL — Funeral services for Dr. Farley Gilbert Eskelson, 71, will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the Vernal First-Fifth Ward chapel, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Dr. Eskelson, prominent Vernal physician and surgeon and political and educational leader, died Thursday afternoon in a Vernal hospital following a lingering illness.



He was born Oct. 13, 1885, in Kamas, Summit County, a son of Oscar and Melissa Fraughton Eskelson. He attended Kamas schools and was a graduate of the University of Utah and Brigham Young University.

Later he was graduated from Northwestern University in Chicago, Ill., and the University of Vienna, Austria.

Dr. Eskelson served as a principal in Emery County schools and at Bingham Canyon High School. He also served as principal of the Colonia Juarez, Mexico.

He began his medical career in Magna, later practicing in Heber City and Evanston, Wyo., before moving to Vernal in 1932 to practice.

Operated Hospital

From 1935 to 1942, Dr. Eskelson owned and operated the Uintah Basin Hospital.

He was a member of the American Medical Assn., served as president of the Basin Medical Society and was a vice president of the Utah State Medical Assn.

In 1948, he was nominated a candidate for the Utah House of Representatives.

Wife Survives

He married Lyda Robinson. They were later divorced. He later married Lita Jeffries, and they were divorced. On Aug. 7,

1930, he married Edna Curruth in Kemmerer, Wyo. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Dr. Y. D. Eskelson, Salt Lake City; O. Richard Eskelson, Orange, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Miriam Gray, Milbrae, Calif., and Mrs. Sharon Gebhart, Big Piney, Wyo.

Also surviving are nine grandchildren; five brothers and two sisters, Irving, George and Clea Eskelson, all of Salt Lake City; Oral Eskelson, Mrs. Sylvia Hayes, Mrs. Ella Durrant, both of American Fork, and David W. Eskelson, Ogden.